

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS	)	
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF DELTA	)	CASE NO. 9331-U
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.	)	

O R D E R

On December 19, 1985, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 9331 approving certain adjustments in rates and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates on a quarterly basis in accordance with the provisions of the Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause set forth therein.

On December 28, 1990, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") filed its quarterly GCA, which is to become effective February 1, 1991 and is to remain in effect until May 1, 1991.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Delta's notice of December 28, 1990 set out certain revisions in rates which Delta proposed to place into effect, said rates being designed to pass on to its customers the wholesale increase in gas costs from its suppliers in the amount of 9.98 cents per Mcf, excluding take-or-pay billings. Delta's expected gas cost for the quarter beginning February 1, 1991 is \$3.5261 per Mcf.

Delta's notice set out a take-or-pay recovery component of 4.24 cents per Mcf, which increased .11 cents per Mcf from its last GCA filing. Delta should be prepared to support the amount of its take-or-pay actual adjustments at the time of its GCA field reviews.

2. Delta's notice set out a total refund adjustment of 4.61 cents per Mcf. This adjustment is composed of past refund adjustments that are still in effect, with no current quarter refund factor. There is no change in the total refund adjustment from the previous to the current GCA filing.

3. Delta's notice set out a current quarter actual adjustment in the amount of 5.05 cents per Mcf to compensate for under-recovery of gas cost by the company through the operation of its gas cost recovery procedure during the months of August, September, and October 1990. The total actual adjustment of (2.44) cents per Mcf, which is designed to correct the current under-collection as well as under- and over-collections from three previous quarters, results in a .95 cent per Mcf decrease in Delta's retail rates.

4. Delta's notice set out a balance adjustment of (1.66) cents per Mcf, to replace the previous adjustment of (.02) cents per Mcf. This balance adjustment compensates for over-collections which occurred as a result of previous gas cost, actual, refund, and balance adjustments. The effect on retail rates is a 1.64 cent per Mcf decrease.

5. The combined effect of the above adjustments is Delta's gas cost recovery rate ("GCR") in the amount of \$3.4814 per Mcf, which is an increase of 7.50 cents per Mcf from its last approved GCR.

6. Delta's adjustment in rates, set out in the Appendix to this Order, pursuant to the GCA provisions approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. 9331 dated December 19, 1985, is fair, just and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be effective with final meter readings on and after February 1, 1991.

7. Delta's proposed retail rates include the GCR as approved herein added to base rates proposed to be effective in Case No. 90-342.<sup>1</sup> These proposed base rates have been suspended until June 27, 1991. The approved GCR should be added to Delta's currently effective base rates.

8. In its filing dated December 28, 1990, Delta requested confidentiality for Schedule VI. Confidentiality should be granted based upon Delta's showing of the likelihood of competitive injury.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Delta be and they hereby are denied.

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 90-342, In the Matter of An Adjustment of Rates of Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc., filed December 28, 1990.

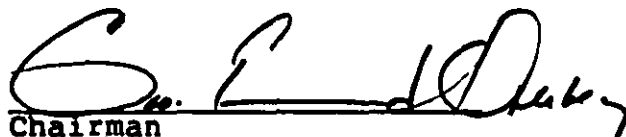
2. The rates in the Appendix, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are fair, just and reasonable, and are approved effective with final meter readings on and after February 1, 1991.

3. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Delta shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

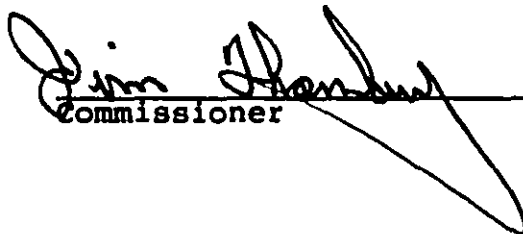
4. Delta's request for confidentiality of Schedule VI is hereby granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of February, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 9331-U DATED 2/01/91

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the date of this Order.

#### RATE SCHEDULES

##### AVAILABILITY

Available for general use by residential, commercial, and industrial customers who purchase their entire natural gas requirements from Delta.

##### RATES

	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total equals</u>
	plus		
<b>General Service</b>			
Monthly Customer Charge			\$3.98
1 - 1,000 Mcf	\$2.0379	\$3.4814	5.5193 per Mcf
1,001 - 5,000 Mcf	1.8920	3.4814	5.3734 per Mcf
5,001 - 10,000 Mcf	1.5858	3.4814	5.0672 per Mcf
Over 10,000 Mcf	1.2795	3.4814	4.7609 per Mcf
<b>Interruptible (2)</b>			
1 - 1,000 Mcf	\$1.7826	\$3.4814	\$5.2640 per Mcf
1,001 - 5,000 Mcf	1.6368	3.4814	5.1182 per Mcf
5,001 - 10,000 Mcf	1.3306	3.4814	4.8120 per Mcf
Over 10,000 Mcf	1.0243	3.4814	4.5057 per Mcf
<b>Transportation of Gas for Others</b>			
<b>On-System Utilization</b>			

To the applicable rates and charges in effect for on-system transportation customers shall be added a take-or-pay recovery component of \$.0424 per Mcf.